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An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 26346/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE speech and language therapists in the children's disability network teams in County Westmeath that are currently vacant, in tabular form; and when these vacancies are expected to be filled. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

There are 2 Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) in County Westmeath, CDNT 7 & 9. Please find table below outlining information on the number of Speech & Language Therapists:

- WTE in post staff grade
- WTE vacancies staff grade
- Approved WTE senior grade
- WTE in post senior grade
- WTE vacancies senior grade
- Network area/county

Midlands – CDNT 7,& 9

Approved WTE-Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County	Recruitment Update
3	1	2	3	2	1	Network 7	Staff grade offered to



						Mullingar	panel twice, failed to fill. Senior grade for offer to panel week of 12/06/2023
2	1	1	1.7	1.7 in post	0	Network9 Athlone	Staff grade for offer to panel in June 2023

CHO8 are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. These challenges are not unique to this CHO and are affecting many teams across the country and across many clinical disciplines, which is having an impact on service delivery.

The HSE is also currently actively engaged in various recruitment initiatives to fill vacant posts which will positively impact on waiting times for all disciplines.

Recruitment is a high priority and multiple competitions have and continue to take place in efforts to fill all vacancies. The national pool is limited and although every effort is being made to maximise this pool through links with colleges and universities, there remains a significant deficit nationally in many of the clinical professions.

To supplement the national pool, the HSE is continuing to source candidates through the international market. The HSE is supported in this recruitment initiative by international recruitment partners who will engage and recruit with interested applicants on behalf of the service and to HSE standards

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Broadbank
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